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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF DANISH-BUTTER COOKIES

1. LOCAL BUSINESS PAPER "BORSEN" CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE AUGUST
29 STATING THAT NEW TRADE DRAMA BETWEEN EC AND US IS BUILDING UP
ON QUESTION OF SUBSIDIZED EXPORTS OF DANISH BUTTER COOKIES AND

WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ERUPT IF TREASURY'S FINAL DETERMINATION
(DUE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 28) DOES NOT WAIVE COUNTERVAILING
DUTY. ARTICLE STATES THIS IS FIRST COUNTERVAILING INVESTIGATION
OF A COMPOSITE PRODUCT IN WHICH SEVERAL INGREDIENTS RECEIVE
EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND THEREFORE CASE IS IMPORTANT IN PRINCIPLE
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TO ALL EEC COUNTRIES.

2. INTERVIEWED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY TOLD
NEWSPAPER THAT COMPLAINTS AGAINST OTHER EC PROCESSED PRODUCTS
WITH SUBSIDIZED COMPONENTS WILL IMMEDIATELY RESULT IF A
COUNTERVAILING DUTY IS LEVIED AND THEREFORE THE CASE INVOLVES
IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF EC'S COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY.

HE SAID THE DANES HAD ASKED THE EC COMMISSION TO NEGOTIATE THE CASE WITH THE US AUTHORITIES, ARGUING THAT NO EVIDENCE OF INJURY TO US PRODUCERS HAD BEEN SHOWN.

3. LARGEST DANISH EXPORTER OF BUTTER COOKIES TO US STATED THAT COUNTERVAILING DUTY OF 30 PERCENT WOULD AT LEAST HALVE EXPORTS, WHICH AMOUNT TO ABOUT \$6 MILLION ANNUALLY, AND WOULD BE SERIOUS SETBACK TO DANISH MANUFACTURERS. HE SAID EXPORTERS HAVE APPOINTED US LAWYER TO "OBBY" AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AS THEY FEEL THERE IS LACK IN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EC AND US ON THIS MATTER.

4. TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE HAS BEEN MAILED TO FAS/W AND USEEC.
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